

1 THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR
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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 \$10,705 IN U.S. CURRENCY, AND ANY
14 ACCRUED INTEREST,

15 Defendant.

CASE NO. C23-0073-JCC

ORDER

16 This matter comes before the Court on the United States' motion for default judgment of
17 forfeiture (Dkt. No. 10). Having thoroughly considered the motion and the relevant record, the
18 Court FINDS that:

- 19 1. The United States properly served, by direct notice and publication, all potential
20 claimants to the Defendant Currency, (Dkt. No. 8);
- 21 2. No one has filed a claim to the Defendant Currency;
- 22 3. On April 4, 2023, the Clerk entered default against all potential claimants, (Dkt. No.
23 9);
- 24 4. Taking the allegations in the complaint as true, the United States has established that
the Defendant Currency is forfeitable;
- 25 5. The funds, and any interest that has accrued at the established rate provided by 28

- 1 U.S.C. § 1961(a), constitute a sum certain; and
2 6. The factors set forth in *Eitel v. McCool*, 782 F.2d 1470, 1471–72 (9th Cir. 1986)
3 support granting default judgment in the United States' favor.

4 Accordingly, the Court GRANTS the United States' motion for default judgment (Dkt.
5 No. 10) and ORDERS:

- 6 1. The above-captioned currency, and any interest that has accrued at the established
7 rate provided by 28 U.S.C. § 1961(a), are fully and finally forfeited, in its entirety, to
8 the United States pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 981(a)(1)(C) and 981(a)(1)(A); hereafter,
9 no right, title, or interest in the currency and any accrued interest shall exist in any
10 other party; and
11 2. The United States Marshals Service, and/or its agents and representatives, shall
12 dispose of the funds and any accrued interest as permitted by governing law.

13 DATED this 17th day of April 2023.

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John C. Coughenour
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE